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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
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Academic Level: FHEQ7 **Credit Value:** 20 **Total Delivered Hours:** 22
Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 178

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	11
Seminar	11

Grading Basis: 50 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	3500 word essay on case study	60	
Essay	AS2	1500 word summary of the historiography of the War/Peace cycle	40	

Aims

Develop a comprehension of the theory, practice and historical development of the War/Peace Cycle

Demonstrate an understanding of the strategic significance of the War/Peace cycle in international relations over the course of the last 200 years

Build in-depth knowledge of a particular problem in the War/Peace cycle during the last 200 years.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically understand and evaluate the War/Peace cycle theory in international relations
- 2 Critically analyse how the War/Peace cycle is applicable to particular cases
- 3 Analyse and reflect on scholarly arguments relating to the War/Peace cycle

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

3500 word essay on case study	1	2
1500 word summary	3	

Outline Syllabus

In this module students will examine the interplay between two of the most important driving forces in humankind's recent history: the pursuit of war and the desire for peace. This module will be presented within an international history framework, and will focus on some of the key strategic, humanitarian and military histories of the period from the early nineteenth century to the present day. It will be comprised of three thematic and chronological sections, each of which will contain lectures and seminars covering elements of history and historiography, as well as international relations theory, strategic studies and the war/peace cycle theory. This last element will provide the central theoretical framework for the module.

Learning Activities

Lectures and Seminars

Notes

Concert of Europe
Origins of WWI
Development of international conference regimes
Interwar crises
Origins of WWII
Strategic implications of new weapons technology
Nuclear diplomacy
War, propaganda and the media post 1945